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IN 'THE CRACK OF THE BULLWHIP'

THE CRACK OF THE BULLWHIP CAN BE HEARD OVER THE LAND! BUT THOSE WHO ARE LAW-ABIDING, HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR, ONLY THE LAWLESS HEAR THEIR DOOM IN THE THUNDER SUDDEN CRACK! FOR THEY KNOW THE WHIP'S WIELDER, TO BE NONE OTHER THAN ROYAL MARSHAL LASH LA RUE!



ROVING FAR AND WIDE, LASH LA RUE HAS DRIVEN THE LAWLESS OUT OF ONE TERRITORY AFTER ANOTHER! BUT LASH STILL HAS TO MAKE HIS FIRST APPEARANCE IN THE NEWLY SETTLED AREA NEAR DEAD MAN'S CHASM...

WHOAA - UP
DARNER! PULL
REIN!



WHY,
YOU
LOW-
DOWN...

BUTTON YOUR
LIP, PAPPY,
AND TELL THE
GUARD TO HAND
DOWN THAT
STRONG BOX
PRONTO!

YEAH! OR
HE'LL BE
WISHIN'
HE'D MOVED
A HEAP
FASTER!



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BUT
SUDDEN-
IN,
IT
CAN
BE
HEARD
OVER
THE
LAND!
THE
SNARLING
WHINE
AND
THE
SUDDEN...



MAKE TRACKS, NOBODY EVER
TANGLES WITH THE LAW -
MAN'S BULLWHIP, AND
STAYS HEALTHY!

SURE GOOD TO SEE YOU, MARSHAL!
WILCOX IS MY NAME! YES SIRSE,
IT'S ABOUT TIME A LANKMAN LIKE YOU
SET FOOT IN THESE - HERE PARTS!



THAT'S WHAT
I'VE HEARD!
BUT NO TIME
FOR TALK NOW,
WILCOX! LET'S
GET THAT STAGE
INTO TOWN!

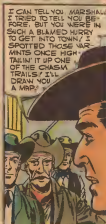
LATER, IN TOWN....

ANYBODY HAVE ANY IDEA
WHERE THOSE ROAD
AGENTS HIDE OUT?



UP NEAR THE CHASM, WE
RECKON. BUT NOBODY
KNOWS EXACTLY
WHERE!

I CAN TELL YOU, MARSHAL!
I TRIED TO TELL YOU BE-
FORE, BUT YOU WERE IN
SUCH A BLAMED HURRY
TO GET INTO TOWN! I
SPOTTED THOSE WAR-
MINTS ONCE HIGH -
TAKIN' IT UP ONE
OF THE CHASM
TRAILS! I'LL
DRAW YOU
A MAP!



AND IN THE EXPRESS
OFFICE...

THIS - HERE'S THE TRAIL!
IT'S JUST WIDE
ENOUGH FOR ONE
HORSE AN' IT
KEEPS HUGGIN'
THE CHASM!



THERE'S
ONE THING
I DON'T GET
WILCOX...

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YOU STAND THE FIRST WATCH! I'M GOING FOR SOME SHUT-EYE!

LA RUE'S PLUMB LOCO IF HE THINKS THE BOSS WILL STILL BE THERE IN THE MORNING!

IT'S PAST MIDNIGHT NOW, AND SHADONN FIGURES MOVE STEALTHILY INSIDE TOWN... AND...



GOOD WORK, MEN--NOW DO A JOB ON THESE CUFFS!



ANYBODY SEE YOU COME INTO TOWN?

NAAH! EVERYBODY'S SLEEPIN'!



HMPF! I SURE HOPE LA RUE COMES AFTER US UP THE CHASM TRAIL AGAIN...



...IT'LL BE THE LAST TRAIL HE EVER CUMBS!



LASH LA RUE WESTERN



JUST THEN...

PULL REIN, ALL OF YOU!

IT'S LA RUE! AND A POSSE!

THAT'S RIGHT! I RECKON-ED ON THE GANG COMING TO SPRING WILCOX! AND THAT'S JUST WHAT YOU DID... THE LOT OF YOU RODE RIGHT IN THE TRAP!



WE WAITED TO SPRING IT UNTIL YOU ALL HAD YOUR GUNS HOLSTERED...



LA RUE'S TOO BUSY SHOOTING OFF HIS MOUTH TO SEE ME BACK HERE!



YOU'VE HAD IT, LA RUE...

LASH WHIRLS WITH LIGHTNING SPEED, AND THAT SERIES OF BERRIE SOUNDS IS HEARD AGAIN OVER THE LAND... WHOOSH, SNAP, AND...



HEY!

NEXT DAY...

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE DONE IT AGAIN, LA RUE! YOU'VE CLEANED UP ANOTHER TERRITORY!

RECKON YOU'LL BE TRAMPIN' ALONG NOW, MARSHAL... YOU AN' THAT BILLWHIP OF YOURS!



END



LASH LARUE

4 FORTUNE WAS RIDING ON THE ENGINE AHEAD...AND THE OUTLAW GANG AT THE CONTROLS WOULD STOP AT NOTHING TO GET AWAY! ONLY LASH LARUE COULD STOP THE...

OUTLAW EXPRESS

I'M COMING AFTER YOU, CLARKE!

GET HIM, YOU FOOLS! HE'LL WRECK THE LOCOMOTIVE IF HE CAN!

THE TRAIN, A SPECIAL, CARRIED ONLY ONE PASSENGER COACH! HALF A DOZEN MEN HAD TICKETS...

GET ABOARD, MISTER! THE TRAIN'S READY TO GO!

I WON'T MISS IT, LARUE! NOT FOR ANYTHING!

I HAD THE MONEY! DO YOU KNOW THE OTHERS?

ALL BUT THE BIG GUY! I HEARD HE CALLS HIMSELF CLARKE! I'LL WATCH HIM!

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MEANWHILE AT A CURVE UP AHEAD WHERE THE TRAIN HAD TO SLOW DOWN...



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THE TRAIN, ALREADY SLOWED FOR THE CURVE, DIDN'T STOP! IT SMASHED INTO THE LOG AND WENT ON...



WE'RE SLOWIN' DOWN! FIGHT 'EM OFF, BRETT!



OKAY, LAWMAN, DROP THE GUN! TELL BRETT TO GIVE UP TOO!

I GUESS WE'RE LUCKED! I DIDN'T THINK OF LOOKIN' FOR A DERRINGER!



WHERE'S THE MONEY? QUICK... AND IF YOU LIE...

I WON'T LIE! IT'S IN THE COAL TENDER, BEHIND THE ENGINE! AT THE BOTTOM OF THE COAL PILE! YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK!



NO, I'M NOT! I'LL TAKE THE TENDER WITH ME! FIRST ONE WHO STICKS HIS HEAD OUT OF THIS CAR GETS A BULLET!



THE ENGINEER HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO STOP THE TRAIN...

WE'VE UNHOOKED THE CARS, CLARKE!

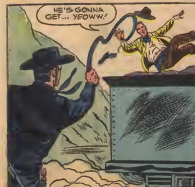
GET ABOARD, WE'RE READY TO ROLL!



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MOLASSES MOUTH



**NOT
UNNOTICED**





READIN' INJUN SIGN

Our group was to leave the ranch at nine in the morning. The nine of us would ride till noon and then the chuck wagon would meet us and take care of our hearty appetites. The wrangler had been given strict orders not to permit any rider to go out alone ahead of us. But on this morning the wrangler had been ill and one of the other men had taken his place.

"Mr. Thompson left half an hour ago. Said he would meet you all at the river."

We rode across the flat lands and then began to go up the trail. My eye was watching out for "signs" so that I would eventually find our wandering guest. At a fork in the trail I halted the party.

"We turn left instead of right," I ordered. "Mr. Thompson took the left turn."

"How do you know?" demanded one of the eastern riders.

"Nobody has been out riding since yesterday afternoon. Look closely at the ground. You will notice prints of horseshoes. Two horses went this way yesterday. Old prios. Observe carefully that you have a fresh priot. Mr. Thompson is riding Big Tim. I know his marks."

We turned to the left and went slowly. I was worried.

"Mr. Thompson isn't such a good rider. He hasn't good control over Big Tim."

"How do you know?" again demanded another of the eastern riders.

"Notice how the priots go from left to right. The horse is the boss not the rider. Over there you will see upturned earth and a jumble. The horse-bucked and kicked up the earth."

We finally came into contact with Mr. Thompson. He greeted us.

"I shouldn't have gone out alone. I find it hard to control Big Tim."

Later we met the chuck wagon and I talked about signs and trailing. Told them things about yesterday's West.

"The Old Timer is the West, whether he was a cowboy, trapper, hunter, soldier, had to be alert. His life often depended upon his ability to follow a trail and to interpret signs. I guess you can really call this a bit of detective work. The fellow who had to have it almost down to perfection was the army scout. He had to be able to recognize the things you would normally never see and figure out what they meant. Colonel Charles Goodnight is such an example."

When he was a kid his family came from the North to Texas. So when the Civil War broke out he found himself up against a tough situation. He was loyal to his adopted state but didn't want to join the Confederate Army and fight against his own people. He had to do something. There was trouble with the redskins. So he joined Captain Jack Cureton and his company of Rangers as a scout.

The Colonel could follow a straight course by day or night. He knew every bush and shrub that indicated water. He could tell by the flight of birds whether they were going far to water or whether it was close at hand. When he looked at a track he could tell how old it was. He knew that only at night did the minute desert insects come out and leave their tiny trails.

The flight of birds was very important. One day an old party of trappers was out looking for beaver. Included such old timers as Gonneville, Old Luke, and La Bonte. They were at the bank of a creek. A wood-duck was swimming swiftly down the stream followed by her little ones. Gonneville watched the ducks carefully.

"Indians," was all he said to his two companions.

The two other trappers were a bit puzzled. How does one figure from the presence of those ducks that there were redskins in the vicinity?

While watching, the big bird suddenly took wing, and flapping on the water, flew a short distance down the stream and once more settled on it.

"Indians?" they again questioned.

"What brings a duck a-streakin' it down streams if humans ain't behind her? We better push to camp."

And that was a good reading of sign for the Sioux were but a short distance away.

On another occasion, a group of trappers went to a different stream in search of beaver. Markhead looked into the water.

"Indian huts nearby," he told them.

How did he come to that conclusion? The shrubbery on the bank had been pushed aside. There was a large stone in the water. He figured that the squaws came to this place to get water. They would step on the stone and dip their kettles in the deepest water. And he was correct!

It was this power of observation that helped to make Daniel Boone such a famous figure in the history of our Early West. He was in Boonesborough when Captain Duquesne attacked with a large force. The fort stood upon the bank of a river. The enemy decided to undermine it and blow it up. So they started to dig a tunnel.

Daniel Boone noticed that the water was muddy below the fort while it was clear above. He figured out only one reason: Somebody must be throwing earth into the water. From this he deduced they were trying to tunnel underneath the fort. So he ordered a deep trench to be cut inside the fort to counteract the work of the enemy. As the earth was dug up, it was thrown over the wall of the fort. Which was a good way of telling them that their plan was known. Finally the besieging force quit.

James Bridger was riding his horse when his keen eyes spotted an eagle feather upon a rock. Pass it by? Not Bridger. He stopped and dismounted. Looked at the eagle feather very carefully. He saw that attached to the butt of the feather's quill was a strand of buckskin. What did this mean? That it had been dropped from a war-bonnet. Indians were out on the war path!

If you saw the imprints of moccasins on the ground, what would it mean? Who wore them? The Indians toed in so you would have to check carefully and hence you could determine who the wearers were. Francis Parkman and his group had just forded the South Fork of the Platte. On its farther bank were the traces of a very large camp of Arapahoes. They checked it and figured it had been deserted for several months. Later on they picked up the moccasin trail of some redskins, but one of these they figured was very economical. How did they get

to that conclusion? There was the patch mark on the right sole of one moccasin.

Whenever a place was found where the Indians had camped, a very close inspection had to be made. You wanted to know two things: first, what they were doing at that place and second, how long since they had left? James B. Gillett, of the Texas Rangers, was travelling from Beaver Lake with a party of fifty men and twenty pack mules. They came across several abandoned Indian camps. From the pits and the scaffolds they figured that the Indians had dried the meat from the hunt. They had dressed many deer skins and made them into buckskin. Also that they had made bows and arrows. Then they figured that the redskins had left a month ago.

Now all this raises an unusual problem: If the western was trained to read sign, could somebody else who knew this, do his best to avoid leaving sign or make up fake signs? Colonel George Hunter tells of such an experience. In the spring of 1864 he and a group started for Boise. The region was bothered by road agents and Indians. They would stampede and run off pack animals. One night the group was resting on the Burnt river. An attempt was made to stampede the animals. The guards fired and saved the animals. All evidence show it was redskins! For if you look at the prints of the horses, this must be understood: normally, the horse ridden by the white man had metal shoes. The horse ridden by the red man had leather around the hoofs. But they found a mark made so that the wearer would look like an Indian! Just like in fiction, a group of white men were masquerading as redskins and the wrong people were being blamed.

When the sheriff and his men went out after the outlaws it certainly was highly important to be able to follow their trail and correctly interpret signs. Ranger Captain John R. Hughes helped to make his reputation on such an occasion.

They were trailing a group of thieves. They found the thieves' old camp and studied it very carefully. No signs of coffee-making or bread baking were there. The trailed men were living on a diet of beef. So the conclusion was that the men must be getting sick and tired of a beef diet. They would probably head for one of the ranches and try to get flour and coffee. That would mean a raid by those thieves. So Hughes broke up the party and with a few headed for one of the ranches. It was perfect figuring. The thieves got the surprise of their life!

You certainly had to be alert in the Old West. And the West shall live forever. See that broken arrow on the ground. What does it mean? You go figure that one out by yourself.

— The End —

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AND

THE LOST DIAMOND

HELP!
HELP!

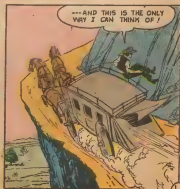
FASTER, RUSH!
SOMEONE IN THAT COACH
IS IN TROUBLE AND FROM
THE WAY THAT DRIVER IS
IGNORING THOSE SCREAMS,
I'D SAY HE HAD SOMETHING
TO DO WITH IT!



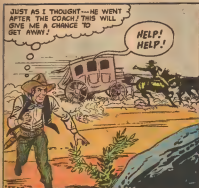
IT'S THAT LAWDOG, LASH LA RUE!
I'VE GOT TO GET HIM OFF
MY TRAIL ---



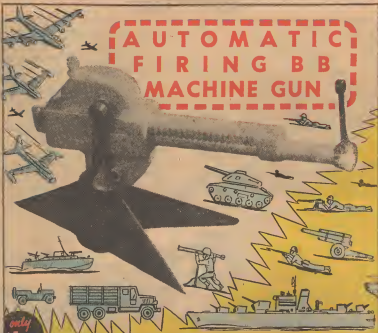
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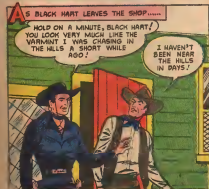
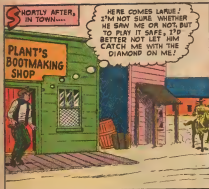
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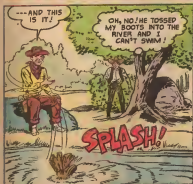
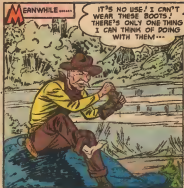
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SPANISH JOHN FORD'S GUNSPEED WAS LEGENDARY... YET ONE MAN DARED BUCK HIM... JACK MALDEN, WEARY AND SICK OF THE CATTLE KING'S ARROGANT ABUSE, HAD SPREAD THE WORD! HE WANTED TO FIGHT TO A...

SHOWDOWN

YOU SIGNED YORE DEATH WARRANT, MALDEN! NOBODY IN THIS VALLEY EVER BUCKED ME AND LASTED LONG! YUH WANT TO BACK DOWN AN' BEG?

MY BEGGIN DAYS ARE OVER, FORD! QUIT YAPPIN' LIKE A COYOTE AN' FILL YORE HAND!



JACK MALDEN HAD TAKEN A LOT OF ABUSE BEFORE HE DARED TALK BACK TO THE RUSTLER BEEF BARON...

THAT CRITTER'S MINE, MALDEN! CUT HIM OUT FOR ME!

THAT'S MY STEER! YOU'RE ROBBIN' ME BLIND, FORD!

WATCH YORE TONGUE, MALDEN! SPANISH JOHN DON'T LIKE BACK TALK!



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DON'T TRY IT... THAT DID IT!



WATCH IT, BOSS! I'LL SLOW 'IM DOWN!



SATISFIED? BETTER LEAVE THE VALLEY, MALDEN! AN' DON'T GO NEAR SUE POLLARD!

LEAVE SUE OUTA THIS! I'LL SEE HER WHEN I LIKE!



JACK! MR. FORD, LET HIM ALONE!



DON'T WASTE YOUR SYMPATHY ON MALDEN, GIRL! HE'S NOT MAN ENOUGH TO DESERVE IT!



THAT'S RIGHT, SUE! AND IF YOU DON'T MARRY ME, YOU'LL MARRY NO ONE! I SPREAD THE WORD -- YOU'RE MINE!

MINE!

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JACK MALDEN
HEARD HIM...
BUT HE WAS
SICK, HELPLESS!
HE FOUND HIS
HORSE AND RODE
AWAY... LEAVING
HIS CATTLE FOR
SPANISH JOHN'S
RUSTLING
CREW...



HE'S GOT MY CATTLE...
HE'S TAKIN' MY GIRL!
HE DIDN'T EVEN
LEAVE ME THIS!



HE DIDN'T LEAVE ME
A THING -- I'VE GOT
NOTHIN' TO LOSE! I
GUESS HE AND I
HAVE TO HAVE
IT OUT!



JACK MALDEN CHANGED THEN!
HE KNEW HE COULDN'T MATCH
SPANISH JOHN'S GUNSPEED,
BUT HE DIDN'T CARE...

THAT'S FORD'S RANCH! I
HOPE HE'S HOME! I
WANT TO GET THIS
OVER WITH!



NO, THE BOSS WENT
TOW TOWN, MALDEN!
NOW GIT BEFORE
I WORK YUH
OVER AGAIN!

I'M
THROUGH
BEIN'
BEAT
UP,
BUSTER!



I'M GONNA HAVE SOME
FUN FOR A CHANGE!
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DROP IT!
I'LL PUT
THE NEXT
SLUG
PLUMB
CENTER!

I'M CONVINCED!
I DON'T DRAW
FIGHTIN' PAY NO-
HOW! WHAT DO
YUH WANT?



MALDEN STOPPED AT OTHER
RANCHES THAT DAY; HE WANT-
ED EVERYONE TO KNOW...

I KNOW HE'LL TAKE ME MOST
LIKELY-- BUT I'M PAST CARIN'
IT'S GONNA BE HIM-- FORD'LL
OR ME TOMORROW!

FORD'LL
CRACK
DOWN ON
ALL OF US!
HE'LL RUN
US ALL OUT!



EVERY MAN
WHO COULD
RIDE WAS IN
TOWN THE
NEXT MORNING!
THEY CAME TO
SEE JACK
MALDEN FIGHT
SPANISH JOHN.
THEY
EXPECTED
HIM TO
LOSE BUT
THEY
PRAYED...

I WANT YUH TWO TO START
TEARIN' THE PLACE APART!
KEEP AT IT TILL I
GET TIRED WATCHIN'!



THE PAIR WRECKED SPANISH
JOHN'S EXPENSIVE RANCH;
THEN, JACK MALDEN MOUNT-
ED TO RIDE...

PASS THE
WORD-- I'LL MEET FORD AT
TEN TOMORROW MORNIN' IN
TOWN ON MAIN STREET!
IF HE AIN'T YELLA,
HE'LL BE THERE!



I JUST HEARD, JACK! PLEASE,
RIDE WITH ME OUT OF THE
VALLEY! YOU CAN START OVER!
I'LL... I'LL HELP!

TOO LATE, SUB!
I WON'T BACK
DOWN!



HEY, FLOW-JOCKEY, TELL
MALDEN I'M HERE! GO
ON-- FIND HIM!



LASH LA RUE WESTERN

THEN, IT WAS TIME!
THE
CLOCK
AT CITY
HALL
BOOMED
THE
HOUR
AND...



DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANYONE
ELSE, BOY! YOU GOT
FRIENDS IN TOWN!

I'M GONNA SHOOT
THE BUTTONS OFF
YOUR SHIRT
FARMER! YUH
BEEEN TALKIN
BIG!

I'LL
TAKE
A LOT
OF
STOPPIN',
FORD! I'M
READY
WHENEVER
YOU
ARE!

YOU'RE ALL ALONE, FORD! IT'S BETWEEN
US--YOUR HIRED HANDS WON'T
HELP YUH!

MY WHOLE CREW
IS HERE, THEY...
THEY... HOLD IT,
MALDEN!



DRAW, YUH
VELLA PUP!
DRAW! I'LL
TAKE YOUR
GUN AN'
FEED IT
TO YUH!

WAIT, LET'S...
AAAH!



THE TOWN WAS STUNNED!
SPANISH JOHN, THE DEAD-
LY, UNPLACABLE OVERLORD
BEGGED FOR MERCY...

YOU'LL GET OUT
OF THE VALLEY,
FORD! YOU'RE
THROUGH!
AM I RIGHT?

HE'LL GO,
MALDEN!
AFTER
TODAY,
HE WON'T
SCARE A
SCHOOL-
BOY!



JACK, YOU'RE ALL
RIGHT! I'M PROUD
OF YOU!



I'M PROUD TOO -- AND IT'S TIME!
I CRAWLED TOO LONG! WE
ALL DID! HE MADE A MIS-
TAKE WHEN HE TOOK
EVERYTHING,
THOUGH! HE LEFT
ME NOTHING
TO LOSE!



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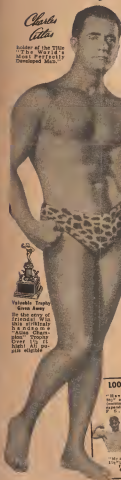
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